

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to better conform to U.S. practice. The foregoing amendments are made to the claims submitted in the International Application on April 6, 2000. Accordingly, it is submitted that no new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marked-up Claims 4-7

4. (Amended) Superabsorbent material according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, in which said non-acidic compound is present in an amount of 1-20wt. % with respect to the weight of superabsorbent material.

5. (Amended) Superabsorbent material according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, in which the non-acidic compound is homogeneously divided in the superabsorbent material.

6. (Amended) Superabsorbent material according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, in which the non-acidic compound is chemically bound to the superabsorbent material.

7. (Amended) Hygiene product such as a diaper, comprising a superabsorbent material [according to any one of the preceding claims] comprising a non-acidic compound selected from acid anhydrides, lactides, lactones and hydrolysable esters.